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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, SHUM, BL

SUBJECT: CURRENT STATUS OF CONSTANTINO LEMA

REFS: (A) LA PAZ 1762; (B) STATE 47633

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION, ADDRESSED TO ROBERT LIPSHUTZ, COUNCIL TO THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE, FROM PHILLIP S. DELORIA, SECRETARY GENERAL, WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: QUOTE WE APPLAUD THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFECTIVE STEPS IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD URGE THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO BE INSTRUCTED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF CONSTANTINO LIMA (SIC) AN INDIAN LEADER WHO HAS BEEN IN PRISON WITHOUT CHARGE IN BOLIVIA SINCE JUNE 1976. THIS CASE HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY COVERED IN THE PRESS AND IT IS WELL ESTABLISHED THAT THE SOLE REASON FOR SR. LIMA'S  
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(SIC) ARREST, DETENTION AND TORTURE IS HIS WORK WITH THE INDIAN PEOPLE OF BOLIVIA. FURTHER DOCUMENTATION CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED. THE WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IS COMPOSED OF ORGANIZATIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FROM 19 COUNTRIES REACHING FROM SCANDINAVIA TO AUSTRALIA AND ENCOMPASSING MOST OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. WE ARE VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE CASE OF SR. LIMA

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2. FYI: DEPARTMENT IS ALSO BEGINNING TO RECEIVE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES ON LEMA'S CASE, IN SOME CASES ALLEGING TORTURE. TO DATE, WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AWARE OF ANY PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS CASE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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